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1. SUMMARY: EXTAFF AND CIDA OFFICIALS TOLD EMBOFF THEY PERSONALLY AGREED WITH U.S. APPROACH ON IFAD PRESIDENCY AND SITE BUT THAT GOC POSITION NOT YET FORMULATED. IN THEIR VIEW, COMPLICATING FACTOR FOR IFAD MEMBERS ARRIVE AT DECISION WAS CANDIDACY OF OPEC SPECIAL FUND DIRECTOR GENERAL SHIHOTA. END SUMMARY.

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED IFAD WITH RESPONSIBLE EXTAFF AND CIDA OFFICIALS. ALTHOUGH THEY, LIKE EXTAFF OFFICIAL WITH WHOM EMBOFF TALKED LAST WEEK ABOUT SITE AND PRESIDENCY (SEE REFTEL B), SAID THEY AGREED WITH U.S. APPROACH, THEY INDICATED GOC HAD NOT YET MADE DECISION ON SPECIFIC CANDIDATE OR SITE. GOC POSITION WAS STILL BEING FORMULATED AND WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE FINALIZED BEFORE NEXT WEEK.

3. CANADIAN OFFICIALS THOUGHT COMPLICATING FACTOR IN IFAD MEMBERS ARRIVING AT DECISION ON SITE AND PRESIDENCY WAS CANDIDATURE OF SHIHOTA, EGYPTIAN WHO HEADS OPEC SPECIAL FUND. IN THEIR VIEW, THIS CATEGORY III CANDIDATE WITH STRONG TIES TO OPEC COUNTRIES, PARTICULARLY KUWAIT, COULD MAKE TASK OF SELECTING SITE AND PRESIDENCY MUCH MORE ONEROUS.

4. AS TO RATIFICATION OF ARTICLES OF AGREEMENT, EXTAFF OFFICER STATED EXTAFF LAWYERS WERE CURRENTLY STUDYING HOW GOC SHOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PROCEED IN OBTAINING PARLIAMENTARY ACTION. LAWYERS WERE AGREED THAT PARLIAMENT MUST APPROVE GOC RATIFICATION BUT WERE UNCERTAIN IF SPECIAL BILL MUST BE INTRODUCED. IN ANY CASE, LAWYERS DID NOT EXPECT PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL WOULD BE LONG PROCESS AND COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED ONE OR TWO MONTHS AFTER GOC DECIDED HOW TO PROCEED.

5. CANADIANS ALSO ASKED IF POSSIBLE THEY BE INFORMED OF USG POSITION ON SPECIFIC SITE AND CANDIDATE AND HOW USG INTENDS HANDLE SHIHOTA CANDIDACY SINCE GOC IS NOT NOW PLANNING SEND ANYONE FROM OTTAWA TO ATTEND UPCOMING DAC MEETING TO COORDINATE OECD MEMBERS' POSITION.
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